

Problem of potable drinking water

1285. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the magnitude of problem of potable drinking water both in rural as well as urban areas;
- (b) how Government propose to solve this problem;
- (c) the measures taken by Government in the Ninth Five year Plan;
- (d) whether any targets have been set in this regard in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the achievements made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) As per the information furnished by the State Government up to 31.01.2001, out of a total number of about 1422664 rural habitations, about 23280 are not covered and about 187139 rural habitations are partially covered with drinking water supply facilities. Further about 2,17,000 rural habitations are reported to be having quality affected water sources. It is also reported that, as on 31.3.1997, about 10% of the urban population is yet to be provided with access to drinking water supply facilities.

(b) to (d) Drinking water supply being a State subject, the schemes for supply of safe drinking water to the rural habitations of the country are implemented by the State Governments. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP). The powers to plan, sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes have been delegated to the State Governments. During the first four years of the Ninth Plan period amounts to the tune of approximately Rs. 6308 crore and Rs. 193 crore have been released to various State Governments under the ARWSP (till 31-1-2001) and AUWSP respectively. As per the action plan prepared by the State Governments, all the rural habitations of the country including those of Madhya Pradesh would be provided with access to drinking water supply facilities by the year 2004, subject to availability of funds. As far as urban areas are concerned, 38 town water supply schemes were targeted to be implemented in Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Plan.

(e) During the first four years of the Ninth Plan period about 51075 rural habitations were covered as per the reports received from the State Government

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of Madhya Pradesh (inclusive of chhattisgarh) till 31.01.2001. As such, out of a total of 159868 rural habitations in the State (inclusive of Chhattisgarh), 153893 have been fully covered and 4564 have been partially covered with drinking water supply facilities. In urban areas 13 town water supply schemes were implemented during the Ninth Plan period.

Families covered under I.R.D.P.

†1286. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the families covered under I.R.D.P together with the criteria followed by Government therefore;
- (b) whether the daily wage employees and contractual employees working in Government offices are covered under this scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is no more in operation since 1-4-1999. However, all families Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas including daily wage employees and contractual employees, if they are included in the BPL list, are eligible for assistance under the new self employment programme of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). Monitoring is not done separately for daily wage employees and contractual employees.

Newsitem "Karyakram panchayat star par loot ka Zariya bane"

†1287. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is Government's reaction to the newsitem under the caption "Karyakram panchayat star par loot ka zarya bane" published in the "Dainik Jagran" dated 28th December, 2000;
- (b) whether Government have entrusted the responsibility to any third source to monitor, get the development work completed and thereafter evaluate the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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